

## Freedom to connect

The government must protect our airwaves from the same corporate gatekeepers that have stifled innovation and competition in Internet markets.

To restore America's leadership in high speed Internet services, the FCC must ensure that the upcoming auction sets aside at least 30 MHz of spectrum for open and non-discriminatory Internet access. This will guarantee that new entrants have the opportunity to enter the market in competition with incumbent providers.

It would be a big mistake to hand over these airwaves to the very same phone and cable companies that dominate the wireline market. We need more competition and innovation, not more of the same. This new wireless spectrum must be open and neutral so that America can build a better Internet for everyone.

The Internet has become a critical part of life -- it's very difficult to exist in American society today without regular access to it. A great many people don't have spare money to pay for a connection -- does this mean they should be excluded from the new world-wide interconnectedness that stems from the World Wide Web? I certainly don't think so.